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June 25, 2009

Mr. Walter C. Waidelich Jr. Division Administrator Federal Highway Administration 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 4-100 Sacramento, CA 95814

Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Regional Administrator Federal Transit Administration 201 Mission Street, Suite 1650 San Francisco, CA 94105

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Mr. Leslie T. Rogers

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

The California Department of Transportation has completed the review of the following amendment to the Tulare County Association of Governments' (TCAG) 2008/09 - 2011/12 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

No. Description

State, Local and Transit Elements

This amendment programs various projects in Tulare County. The amendment includes projects with funding from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program, State Transportation Improvement Program, Highway Railroad Grade Crossing and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Sections 5310 & 5311.

See enclosure.

The updated programming is for projects in an air quality attainment area that is exempt from the conformity determination requirement. The TCAG Board Resolution adopting this FTIP amendment certifies that the amendment is financially constrained, and meets the requirements of public involvement procedures adopted by TCAG.

Pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve TCAG's Amendment Number 9. I also recommend that the Federal Highway Administration and FTA approve this FTIP amendment for inclusion into California's 2009 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP amendment in fiscal years not within the four-year cycle of the current FSTIP, are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are shown for information only. Approval of this amendment does not constitute an eligibility determination of projects for federal funding.

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Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Dennis Jacobs of my staff, at (916) 654-4447.

Sincerely,

RACHEL FALSETTI

Chief

Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

c: Lisa Hanf - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure) Eddie Wendt – Tulare County Council of Governments Muhaned Aljabiry - Caltrans